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LOK SABHA

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BRINGING BACK FUGITIVES FROM LAW
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Indian fugitives from Law are currently residing abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(c) the efforts being made to bring them back?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b) Investigation and prosecution of cases against Indian fugitives abroad comes under the purview of various state and central investigation agencies. Country-wise details of such fugitives are not centrally maintained in Ministry of External Affairs. However, requests for extradition of three Indian fugitives have been forwarded to foreign countries in the last three years.

(c) Requests for extradition of fugitive offenders hiding in other countries are scrutinized and forwarded by Ministry of External Affairs as per the provisions of the applicable extradition treaty. India has so far signed extradition treaties with 17 countries and proposals for concluding such treaties with a number of other countries are at various stages of consideration/negotiation.